

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Freedom of Information Act Branch
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**Transportation
Security
Administration**

September 3, 2019

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Case Number: 2019-TSFO-00510

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Dear Sai:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), via email, dated June 14, 2019, in which you requested four items with sub-items. TSA assigned this request number 2019-TSFO-00510.

On July 12, 2019, we sent you an acknowledgement letter informing you that your request for a fee waiver was denied and certain portions of your request were not reasonably described. We requested additional information for the portions of the request that were not reasonably described, specifically: Items A through C to include all sub-items. Your response was due on August 22, 2019.

As of the date of this letter, the FOIA office has not received any correspondence from you containing the information we requested. As a result of your failure to provide the FOIA office with the requested information in the allotted time-frame, and in accordance with 6 CFR § 5.3¹, portions of your request have been administratively closed as outlined below. The remaining portions have already been addressed in our August 22, 2019 acknowledgment letter.

TSA is administratively closing all items that we previously identified as not reasonably described. Specifically, we are closing Item A (Agency HQ/PR emails with attribution designation phrases), and all sub-items thereunder; Item B (all records relating to the fulfillment of this request) and Item C (All records relating to any complaint(s), FOIA requests(s)/appeal(s), and/or Privacy Act request(s)/appeal(s) made by you), and all sub-items thereunder. Please be advised that the action to administratively close portions of your request will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future.

Opportunity for Administrative Appeal

Should you decide to file an appeal, it should be mailed to:

¹ If the requester does not respond to a request for additional information within thirty (30) working days, the request may be administratively closed at DHS's discretion.

Christine Griggs
Acting FOIA Appeals Officer
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Your appeal **must be submitted within 90 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." Please note that the TSA FOIA Appeals Officer's determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

Additionally, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5796.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Branch at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,

Kerry Callahan / tcm

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